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METHOD FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF PROSTAGLANDIN COMPOUNDS

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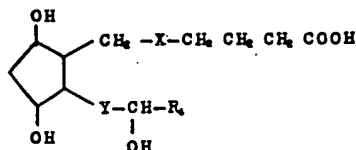
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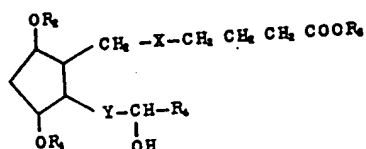
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Claim

Method for the manufacture of prostaglandin compounds  
represented by the general formula,



from alicyclic esters of the general formula,



by hydrolysis under acidic and also basic conditions in any order, wherein, in the general formulas,  $R_1$  represents 2-tetrahydropyranyl, 2-tetrahydrofuranyl, or a 1-ethoxyethyl group;  $R_2$  represents an acyl group;  $R_3$  represents a lower alkyl group;  $R_4$  represents a n-pentyl, n-hexyl, or n-heptyl group; X and Y represent  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$  or  $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ .